

HISTORY OF JAPAN

History 263/4 Lec. 51

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OFFICE HOURS: By appointment

CLASS HOURS: Wednesdays, 19:00-21:05

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Lu, *Japan: A Documentary History*

Schirokauer, *A Brief History of Japanese Civilization*

ELECTRONIC MAIL:

Students with access to email (accounts available through the Computing Services Department) are encouraged to communicate with the instructor by email. Students are also welcome to subscribe to receive supplementary course materials electronically and to participate in email discussions about course-related matters.

EXAMINATIONS:

There will be a mid-term examination on Wednesday March 4th and a formal final-examination which has tentatively been scheduled for Wednesday April 22nd.

OPTIONAL PAPERS:

Some students may wish to do an optional paper in addition to the two examinations. They should look initially at the list of suggested reading topics which are available from the instructor. Those who wish to pursue other topics should do so only after consultation with, and approval from, the instructor. Each student electing to do an optional paper is expected to read at least four approved books on the theme that he or she selects and to produce a short (10-page) critical essay based on the readings. The optional essay is to be typewritten and must be submitted no later than Wednesday, March 25, 1998 to be considered.

GRADING:

For those students who do not write the optional term paper, the grading distribution will be as follows: mid-term exam - 40%, final exam - 60%. For those students who do write an optional paper, the grading distribution will be as follows: mid-term exam - 25%, paper - 25%, final exam - 50%.

Schedule of Lectures and Readings

Jan. 21	Geography/Early history	Lu, Chapters I-II Schirokauer, 3-42
Jan. 28	Heian Period (794-1185)	Lu, Chapter III; Chapter IV (pp.81-106) Schirokauer, 45-72
Feb. 4	Kamakura Period (1185-1333)	Lu, Chapter IV (pp.106 116); Chapter V Schirokauer, 73-95
Feb. 11	Ashikaga Period (1336-1573)	Lu, Chapters VI, VII Schirokauer, 96-115
Feb. 18	Tokugawa Period (1600-1868) to c. 1800	Lu, Chapters VIII; IX Schirokauer, 119-169
Feb. 25	Decline of Tokugawa (c. 1800-1867)	Lu, Chapter X Schirokauer, 173-188
Mar. 4	Mid-term examination	

THESE TOPICS WILL BE COVERED BETWEEN MARCH 11 AND APRIL 8.

Meiji Restoration (1868-1912), phase one	Lu, Chapter XI Schirokauer, 188-217
Meiji Restoration (1868-1912), phase two	Lu, Chapter XII Schirokauer, 219-231
World War I and its Aftermath (1912-1930)	Lu, Chapter XIII Schirokauer, 231-246
World War II in the Pacific (1931-1945)	Lu, Chapter XIV Schirokauer, 247-263
Occupation and Recovery (1945-1970)	Lu, Chapter XV Schirokauer, 264-297
Japan Today	Lu, Chapters XVI-XIX